Roads in Delhi

307. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that condition of roads in Union Territory of Delhi is pathetic and has become a nightmare of motorists; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to assist the Government of Delhi or concerned civic bodies for laying of roads of international standard during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) This Ministry is concerned with the development and maintenance of only National Highways in the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi. There are five National Highways viz. National Highway Nos. 1,2, 8, 10 and 24 originating and passing through Delhi. All the National Highways within NCT are having a 4/6 lane divided carriageways and are being maintained in traffic worthy condition. National Highway Nos. 1 and 8 has been undertaken for widening to 8 lanes and the work is in various stages of progress.

Road Accidents

308. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the details and casualties are alarmingly increasing in the country due to road accidents;

(b) whether 30 per cent of the vehicles are not insured and victims of the accidents are not getting compensation from the owners as they have no means; and

(c) if so, the details of steps Government propose to take to provide compensation/relief to the persons who meet with an accident with an uninsured vehicle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) It is not correct to say that there has been an alarming increase in deaths and casualties in the country due to road accidents. On the contrary, as per information available, the number of road accidents and number of casualties per ten thousand vehicles shows a steadily decreasing trend over the last many years.

(b) and (c) Under the regulations of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, all the vehicles are required to have compulsory insurance cover before coming on public place. It is for the Government of the respective State/Union Territories to enforce these regulations effectively so as to ensure that no uninsured vehicle comes on public place. A violation of the provision regarding having compulsory insurance cover is punishable under the Act. No information is available with this Ministry about percentage of vehicles that are plying on roads without insurance cover.

In the event of an uninsured vehicle meeting with an accident, the liability of motor vehicle owner towards the victim is to be decided by the Claims Tribunal appointed by the State/Union Territories Government, under the provisions of the Act.

Road Linking of Arawal, Jahanabad and Bihar Sharif

†309. SHRI GAYA SINGHiWill the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether road linking the three districts namely Arawal, Jahanabad and Bihar Sharif (Nalanda) is planned to be taken up under National highway;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF'THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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